1	2	3	4	5
26)	Uttarakhand	1511.00	1504.00	(-)7.00
27)	Uttar Pradesh	19307.00	19268.00	(-)39.00
28)	West Bengal	5876.00	5751.00	(-)125.00
29)	A and N Islands	47.00	47.00	0.00
30)	Chandigarh	2.00	2.00	0.00
3l)	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	24.00	24.00	0.00
32)	Daman and Diu	3.00	3.00	0.00
33)	Delhi	57.00	54.00	(-)3.00
34)	Lakshadweep	3.00	3.00	0.00
35)	Pondicherry	31.00	31.00	0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	182586.00	182195.00	(-)391.00

(-) indicates reduction and (+) indicates increase in the area of Agriculture land in last four years

Source: Agricultural Statistics at a Glance-2008, Directorate of E&S, DAC, MOA, GOI, New Delhi

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Rural Indian and Agriculture Sector

1. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number/percentage of population residing in urban/rural areas of the country;

(b) the number/percentage of population dependent on agriculture and what per cent it is of total population of the country;

(c) the percentage of total work force dependent on agriculture;

(d) the percentage of contribution of agriculture sector to GDP, during last five years;

(e) the percentage of GDP invested in agriculture sector and other sectors, sector-wise during last five years;

(f) the percentage of Budget allotted to agriculture during last five years/till date; and

(g) whether above scenario shows gross neglect of rural area and agriculture sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) According to Census 2001, urban and rural population in the country were 28.61 crore and 74.25 crore respectively. Urban population was 27.81% and rural population was 72.19% of the total population of India.

(b) The population dependent on agriculture as per 2001 Census was 23.41 crore which was 22.75% of the total population of India.

(c) The work force dependent on agriculture in 2001 was 58.20% of the total work force in the country.

(d) The contribution of agriculture sector (including forestry and fishing) to GDP during the last five years were estimated at 21% in 2003-04,19.2% in 2004-05,19.1% in 2005-06, 18.2% in 2006-07 and 18.1% in 2007-08.

(e) The percentage of Gross Capital Formation in agriculture and other sectors during last five years is as under:-

Distribution of Gross Capital Formation Sector-wise (%)	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Agriculture	8.61	7.52	7.15	6.89	6.50
Industry & Mineral	34.27	43.32	43.64	44.86	44.35
Electricity, gas etc.	8.04	6.00	6.77	6.91	6.33
Construction	3.48	3.50	3.82	4.22	4.42
Trade, hotel, Transport etc.	15.46	14.05	15.49	15.45	16.30
Services	30.13	25.60	23.15	21.67	22.10
TOTAL :	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

(f) and (g) There has been an appreciable increase in the budget for agriculture over the last five years. The budget outlay for agriculture and that as a percentage of the total budget during the last five years is as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

Budget Outlay	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Agriculture	8776	10962.6	13439.8	16162.8	19370
TOTAL :	224827	263665.2	351629.5	441285.2	559314
Agriculture as a % to Total	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.7	3.5

SOURCE: Planning Commission

Forward Market Commission

2. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously thinking of strengthening Forward Market Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the turnover of commodities exchange of various farm items through commodities exchange in the last two years, item-wise;

(d) the revenue that Government got through trading of various farm items in the last two years through commodity exchanges; and